Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims, if entered, will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims

      1.   **(Currently Amended)** A method in a computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

          displaying controls including a first button and a second button;

          in response to each activation of the first button:

              creating a new activity item[[;]] ,

              establishing a user-selected activity type for the created activity item[[;]] ,

              creating an expense item[[;]] **, and**

              consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;

          and

          in response to each activation of the second button:

              creating a new expense report[[;]] ,

              adding all created expense items to the created expense report[[;]] , and

              submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

      2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising, in response to each activation of the first button:

          establishing for the created activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

without user input specifying a date for the created expense item, establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

3.   (**Currently Amended**) A computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium whose contents cause a computing system to perform a process for generating an expense report, comprising:

displaying controls including an activity item creation button and an expense report creation button;

in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:

creating a new activity item[[;]] ,

establishing a user-selected activity type for the created activity item[[;]] ,

creating an expense item[[;]] , **and**

consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;

and

in response to each activation of the expense report creation button:

creating a new expense report[[;]] ,

adding all created expense items to the created expense report[[;]] ,

and

submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

4.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises, in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:

establishing for the created activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

without user input specifying a date for the created expense item, establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

5.   (Currently Amended) A computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

a control display subsystem that displays controls including a first button and a second button;

a first button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the first button:

creates a new activity item[[;]] ,

establishes a user-selected activity type for the created activity item[[;]] ,

creates an expense item[[;]] , and

uses a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;

and

a second button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the second button:

creates a new expense report[[;]] ,

adds all created expense items to the created expense report[[;]] ,

and

submits the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

6.   (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, further comprising a date designation system that, in response to each activation of the first button:

establishes for the created activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

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without user input specifying a date for the created expense item, establishes
for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for
the activity item.

7-12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the establishing a user-selected
activity type for the created activity item comprises:
providing a user with a list of activity item types.

14.   (New) The method of claim 13, wherein
the list of activity item types is maintained by the user and contains activity item
types predefined by an application administrator.

15.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-determined mapping is
defined by an application administrator.

16.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein
the activity item type corresponds to one of appointments, meetings,
presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

17.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein
the application administrator predefines activity item types by providing
information corresponding to at least one of
a description of the activity,
itemized tasks associated with the activity type,
whether the activity item type is associated with a particular client, and
whether the activity item type is expensible.

18.   (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the
establishing a user-selected activity type for the created activity item comprises:
providing a user with a list of activity item types.

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19.   (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein the list of activity item types is maintained by the user and contains activity item types predefined by an application administrator.

20.   (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the pre-determined mapping is defined by an application administrator.

21.   (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the activity item type corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

22.   (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the application administrator predefines activity item types by providing
    information corresponding to at least one of
    a description of the activity,
    itemized tasks associated with the activity type,
    whether the activity item type is associated with a particular client, and
    whether the activity item type is expensible.

23.   (New) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the establishing a user-selected activity type for the created activity item comprises:
    providing a user with a list of activity item types.

24.   (New) The computing system of claim 23, wherein the list of activity item types is maintained by the user and contains activity item types predefined by an application administrator.

25.   (New) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the activity item type corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

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26.   (New) The computing system of claim 5, wherein

the application administrator predefines activity item types by providing

information corresponding to at least one of

a description of the activity,

itemized tasks associated with the activity type,

whether the activity item type is associated with a particular client, and

whether the activity item type is expensible.